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Forest Fires The Saskatoon Fatal Accident Marine Flying Machine H. B. Route Still Raging Reaccount On Railway Investigation Makes Record Approved

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 11.—Forest fires completely surrounded the village of Foxborough, 12 miles southwest of Duluth, in Douglas county, Wis., and the citizens are battling with the flames, which are fast approaching the town. Foxborough has 2,000 inhabitants.

Reports from two harbors, Minn., indicate that the flames are spreading throughout the northern portion of Cook and Lake counties, and that large areas of standing timber have been destroyed. A block of business buildings at Washburn, Wis., were destroyed. Flames attacked the Nelson hotel and rased the structure, these saloons, an ice-house and other small buildings. The damage there is estimated at \$100,000.

For 48 hours the 300 citizens of the village, mine location near Aurora, 50 miles north of Duluth, have been fighting a fierce fire.

The fire situation at the Mesabe range today was most serious near Hibbing, and one mile west of that town, at the Mesabe mine location.

Meunimau, Mich., Sept. 11.—Forest fire destroyed the business section of Pontiac, Mich., from here, last night. Several hundred are homeless. The loss is about \$200,000. There is still danger that a heavy wind may carry the fire to the residence section.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 11.—Foxboro, Minn., may be destroyed by forest fires again, which the whole population has been fighting today. A fire in the city of Washburn, Wis., caused \$100,000 loss.

The forest fires have overwhelmed the fighters at Hibbing, and have destroyed the buildings of the St. Louis county fair association and several other buildings are on fire.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 11.—Hill pipes laid about the suburbs, hundreds of men constantly on guard, and with back fires started on the south side of all the large towns, the range settlements are now fairly safe from the range fires and the crisis appears to be passed. The Gopher has reached Grand Marais and reports from there are to the effect that the town is safe, although a high wind would place it in great danger.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 11.—Forest fires in the Adirondacks are assuming a threatening aspect and rain is badly needed. Wm. F. Fox, state superintendent of forests, said tonight that probably the worst fire is along the line of the New York Central railroad between Horseshoe and Nohaville park, in Hamilton county. There are fires also at Griffin and Benson, in the southern part of the county, according to reports received today, and at Oule Head station, in Franklin county. The fire patrols of the railroad companies and fire wardens are working hard to check the danger.

ARRANT FOR BANKERS ARREST

Montreal, Sept. 11.—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of D. M. Stewart, former manager of the Nova Scotia Bank, on the charge that he is a fraud false returns to the government in March and April, 1907. The charge was laid by George Watson, K.C., of Toronto, in conjunction with the crown prosecutor, Mr. Hibbard, of Montreal, both acting for the government. Stewart was in the city a week ago, but his whereabouts are not known at present.

Saskatoon, Sept. 11.—A recount of the county vote in the recent provincial election was started here this morning before Judge McEwen. The recount was largely taken up with the arguments as to whether the judge had power under the affidavit of Sumnerfield, the provincial rights candidate, to hold a recount. His honor decided he had, and then proceeded to open the boxes. On commencing the do this he found that all were unsealed, having been broken open for the purpose of ascertaining the figures on the plate of the declaration of the poll, and not sealed again.

In all twenty-nine boxes have been examined and so far each side has registered twelve protests against votes. In ten polls no protest was made. The judge is going through all the boxes first and will hear the arguments for and against each vote separately afterwards. It is possible one poll will be thrown out through the returning officer not tearing off the counterfoil of ballots before letting them in the ballot box.

He Is Insane

Oyster Bay, N.Y., Sept. 10.—A crank armed with an antiquated bullet dog revolver was caught near President Roosevelt's house at Sagamore hill by the secret service guards yesterday afternoon.

The man described himself as John Coughlin, a detective, and when stopped by the secret service man presented a card upon which was inscribed his name and the word "officer." He said that he had come to ask the president's order to order 10,000 troops to catch yegmen who had been terrorizing Boston.

One of the rules for visitors at Sagamore hill is that one shall come on foot, so when Secret Agent John Adams caught sight of Coughlin toiling up the hill road, he motioned for the man to go back. Coughlin kept right on coming, and Adams ran down the road to meet him. In response to the secret service man's demand as to his business, Coughlin produced his card, which had come to him the most casual way that he had come to confer with President Roosevelt regarding the recent outrages by yegmen in Boston, and lead such troops as the president thought fit to order out.

The secret service man tried to explain that the president was not seeing visitors at that moment, but Coughlin insisted that he was not a yegman, but a detective, and that he was working hard to check the danger.

Today Coughlin was pronounced insane and sent to the asylum.

Calgary, Sept. 11.—Albert Scott, a fireman at the C.P.R., was killed in a railway accident. Engineer England was injured slightly.

They were switching in the gravel pit at Blackfalds when suddenly the engine upset, pinning Scott underneath it.

The body was taken to Red Deer, where an inquest will be held to-day. Albert Scott has resided in Calgary for the last three years, coming here from Stratford. He was 23 years of age, and was very popular among a large number of friends in the city. He is a son of R. Scott, an insurance man in this city.

The father of the young man was out of the city yesterday and has not yet heard of the sad death of his son. Mr. Bates, an intimate friend of the young man, leaves this morning for Red Deer to look after the body.

Eucharistic Conference

London, Sept. 11.—At the Eucharistic Conference in Albert Hall meeting Archbishop Bunsick, Montreal, took part in the debate where he aroused the most fervent applause of the speaker. He spoke of the complete religious freedom of Canada, of the piety of French-Canadians pointing to the Union Jack and the royal standard brought down the house, by declaring the Catholics of Canada are "Equally attached to it."

At our faith and the flag of our loyalty." He concluded by inviting all to the Eucharistic Congress in Montreal in 1910.

Archbishop Bunsick, of Montreal, speaking in French said the congress must remain the cardinals of the glorious days of Rome. He represented France, the most Catholic land of the British Empire, and declared the protest by the Protestant societies, against the congress proceedings was not a national protest, moreover they were greeted with sympathy and respect from every quarter. The congress marked the entry of Catholicism into its old kingdom, the whole Catholic world was now looking toward Westminster where Eucharist, after being carried through the streets of the capital of the world projected by the British flag that symbol of civil and religious freedom, would find a new triumph as a result of the congress. He would cherish the hope that the whole of England would return to the Catholic faith. The archbishop, who spoke most eloquently had a splendid reception.

LAURIER AND REV. DR. CHOWN

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 10.—A letter from Sir Wilfrid Laurier was received to-day from Rev. Dr. Chown, secretary to the Methodist Committee on Temperance and Moral Reform. It stated that the treaty had been entered into with the United States to arrange a neutral zone on either side of the international boundary line in order to prevent the erection of life boats for the illegal sale of liquor and the evasion of customs duties. The committee, acting on Dr. Chown's report, adopted a resolution authorizing an appeal to the Ontario Government to organize a special police force, some what on the lines of the North West Mounted Police service, to give special attention to new settlements.

Montreal, Sept. 10.—After probing the various Montreal accounts of the Department of Marine with little result, the investigation into the business affairs of the Marine and Fisheries Department, which is now being conducted by Judge Camsell, to-day turned its attention to affairs at Sorci. Out of the many firms of the city at the mouth of the Richelieu which have been supplying the big shippers there, twenty of the largest were selected and several others representatives were interviewed yesterday. These were practically the same as on the previous days, all testifying that they supplied their goods to the government under competitive tender, and had to cut rates to the bone to secure the business, while they knew nothing of any kind of graft. There, however, was one exception, Mr. Alfred Francoeur, a retired grocer, who stated that he had supplied goods to the various boats employed by the department and it was his custom to allow a commission of 2 per cent. to the captains or stewards who brought the business his way. Mr. Francoeur, however, said that this was his usual custom with all marine business and that he gave small sums as commissions to the officers of various other vessels who bought their supplies of him. He had not told the officials of the department about this practice, not thinking that they would be particularly interested in it. Asked to why he had not given this rake-off to the government, Mr. Francoeur frankly admitted that he would much rather have kept it himself. The investigation has now temporarily adjourned until October 6th, as both the judge and counsel have great deals of other work to attend to in the meantime.

Dreyfus Question Re-Opened

Paris, Sept. 10.—A large crowd was present in the courtroom and the man in white, who was conspicuous throughout the trial of Dreyfus at Rennes, occupied a prominent place at the trial of Col. Gregori, accused of shooting Dreyfus. The proceedings developed no new feature. Gregori, who is charged with attempted murder, told his story much as he did immediately after his arrest. He admitted that this was premeditated and he repeated that he had shot at "Dreyfusian," and not at Major Dreyfus as a protest against the participation of the army in the ceremony at the Fathien attending the canonization of Emile Zola.

There was one incident which the public prosecutor said that the courts of Cassation had made a definite pronouncement, of innocence of Dreyfus, the fact of the spectators shouting "This is false," and many people of the audience cried, "bravo." The man who executed the sentence was executed on the order of the court.

Paris, Sept. 10.—The continued efforts of the defence to take up the Dreyfus case culminated in a dramatic question Major Jean Remond on the subject of the confession Dreyfus was alleged to have made to him while he was being conducted from the court, married to his wife, Dreyfus, and to his life and with white face and trembling violently, shouted to Gregori's wife, an appeal to the courts established in the most decided manner immediately. A tremendous uproar broke out, and a hinged chairs and benches shook the room. Finally, the president was obliged to stop the court before a semblance of order was restored.

Washington, D.C., Sept. 11.—Orville Wright today broke the world's record for time and for distance with a heavy motor plane flying machine, he established yesterday. In a flight requiring great skill on account of a ten mile wind, he circled around the drill grounds at Fort Meyer fifty-eight times in 65 minutes and 52 seconds, exceeding the time of yesterday's record by three minutes and thirty-seven seconds. The flight was witnessed by nearly a thousand people.

For the first thirty seconds the machine flew as smoothly as on its previous flights, but from that time on it was soon to pitch at 45 turn as the breeze from the west struck it. As the machine moved from the northern end of the field to the southern end where the "aerial garage" for storing the aeroplane is located Mr. Wright kept in several points in the wind. Whenever the machine pitched it could be plainly seen from below that it responded promptly to every move of the levers by the operator. A gust of wind unusually strong struck the aerial flight during the 42nd round, and it plunged sharply, causing the crowd to exclaim in alarm. Mr. Wright then brought his machine lower, but on the 53rd round he had reached an altitude of 200 feet.

When Mr. Wright completed the 54th round he had beaten his record of yesterday afternoon, which in turn had broken the world's record established in the morning flight of yesterday. The crowd gave a hasty cheer. Mr. Wright came down at the northern end of the field at the end of the 58th round, landing easily.

Signal corps officers of the war department today expressed the belief that Orville Wright will make a speed of at least 43 miles an hour with his heavier than air machine. If he does he will be entitled to a bonus of 20 per cent over the contract price which would not limit for his machine \$30,000 the contract price being \$55,000.

The official trials will be held as soon as Mr. Wright announces his readiness.

Socialism In Glasgow

Glasgow, Sept. 11.—A remarkable scene was witnessed this afternoon at the office of the city council. Crowds of the unemployed gathered in George Square before the council convened and a delegation of twelve was admitted to the meeting. The councillors received the delegation by rising from their seats. The spokesman of the unemployed said that never before had there been such distress in Glasgow.

"Every human unit," said this man, "is entitled to food." We make no outrageous request; we are only here to plead for the souls of men and women. They demand work."

The councillor replied with deep emotion. He said the council had received the delegation in a spirit of brotherhood and that it would do all in its power to help those who needed work.

Large bodies of troops were held in reserve this afternoon in anticipation of rioting and attacks on property. The men, however, have decided to refrain from demonstrating for one week, in order to give the council an opportunity to adopt measures for the improvement of the situation. The police arrested a Socialist who incited a man to resist arrest. He threw pepper in the eyes of the constables, before they secured him.

Calgary, Sept. 11.—The Calgary Herald publishes an interview with one of Canada's veteran defenders in the person of Lieut. C. T. Turnbull, who has been in the city for the past few days, leaving to-day for Medicine Hat where he will visit his son.

Lieut. Col. Turnbull started his military career in Scotland where he was in volunteer training and took part in the Scottish grand review where some 22,000 men were on parade before the late queen.

Col. Steele was referred to in the most enthusiastic terms. His record in the west has, in the opinion of Col. Turnbull, stood out as one worthy of the greatest recognition. The Royal Northwest Mounted police had under his care made a name for themselves that was the life of military men of the west.

Some three years ago Lieut. Col. Turnbull, accompanied by a party of surveyors and guides took a trip from Prince Albert to Fort Churchill.

In an interview this morning the following facts relative to the necessity and utility of the route were given out: "There are absolutely no great engineering difficulties in connection with this route and the harbor at Fort Churchill is an ideal one for the largest ships." Continuing, he said: "We started at Prince Albert in January went down the Saskatchewan, up Lake Winnipeg to the Norman house, through Split Lake, Little Churchill river and later down the Big Churchill landing at its mouth without serious mishap."

"We must recognize the value to Canada of such a railway as that which would save us 1,100 miles in our shipping. The grain trade and cattle trade demand just such an outlet, it will be possible to ship cattle from the northern states much cheaper by shipping them over the route they are at present forced to take."

"The straits are perfectly clear during the summer months, and it is quite possible to keep them open by properly constructed steamers for a much longer time than at present."

"Hudson Bay and Fort Churchill are found to become in time the greatest strategic naval points on the continent. The straits would, in time, become the imperial highway and the situation of the bay being 550 miles from the border would mean that the lines of communication could never be cut and the defenses that could be constructed would make the bay a strategic point of inestimable value."

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The Government That Attempted a Franchise Robbery Which They Dare Not Submit To The People And Which they Now Admit Was Indesirable.

THESE ARE NOT CONSERVATIVES

Commenting on the assertion of Messrs. Fisher and Patterson, two of the present ministers, that the Conservative charges were slander the Liberal Advocate says: These ministers might consider these facts:

It was not a Tory slander, but the Liberal Free Press of Manitoba which charged that "a daring cold-blooded contractor had brought about the up-hold-up and swindle" in the matter of homesteads.

It was not a Conservative, but a Liberal Commissioner of Lands appointed by the ministers themselves, which declared that in making appointments party service had been of more importance than public interest, and that "those who have the political pull use it for all it is worth."

It was this commission which reported that large amounts of money were thrown away in political patronage.

It was this commission which referred the government to the prevention of corruption and the bribery clauses in the Imperial law.

Commissioners Fyvie and Marin are strong Liberals. It was they who declared that in the Marine Department "real for public service and regard for economy are conspicuous by their absence." That the only intelligent purpose was to "spend as much money as possible" that there was in the department "a lack of conscience," and that the government's officers were serving two masters.

These commissioners and no Tory slanders reported that the contractor who had sold a million dollars' worth of goods to the government had wheedled the department into buying them whether they were wanted or not; that this company "had been made a branch of the department of marine and fisheries and a favored one at that" and that the head of the company ordered the officials should like employees of his own.

ARE THESE SLANDERS? It was not a Conservative, but the Auditor-General of Canada, appointed by the present government, who declared that he did not believe the

certificates of high officials.

It was not a Conservative, but Deputy Minister that testified that this own department about \$200,000 had been thrown away in government patronage.

It was not a Conservative, but the chief engineer on the marine department, first appointed by the Liberal party, who on oath admitted the machinery he had to sell, a contractor about 91,000,000 profit of profitable orders.

It was a government official who swore that he had paid bills which he knew to be excessive, because the minister had ordered it.

It was a government official, and a Conservative who swore that he had been asked to certify amounts of which he knew nothing and that he had been made to suffer from his refusal to do so.

It was not a Conservative slander, but a Judge and a Royal Commissioner who expressed the opinion that where the government had paid \$500,000 in profits to one contractor, he should only have been allowed to receive \$25,000.

It was not a Conservative, but the Hon. Joseph Martin, formerly a Liberal M.P., later Liberal Premier of British Columbia, who declares that "never in the history of Canada has there been so much corruption in public life as in the last twelve years," and who says that the government employs means to suppress investigation and that ministers have become enormously rich without any apparent means except the power placed in their hands.

It was not a Conservative, but an auditor paid by the government who reported that one department paid for goods that it never received.

It was a Liberal engineer who dared say that the government was paying contractors on the Transcontinental rock prices for removing sand.

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